

# **The Ghost and Molly McGee**

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**CAST REPORT**

<b><u>Character</u></b>	<b><u>Total Dialogues</u></b>
MOLLY	36
OLLIE	23
SCRATCH	22
ANDREA	14
RUBEN	9
ENTREPRENEUR	4
MRS. DAVENPORT	3
ESTHER	3
MR. DAVENPORT	2
JUNE	1
NASHUA	1
LEMONADE GIRL	1
MIDDLE WOLF	1

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**ON A TV:** A WOLF'S DEN LOGO fades to an ENTREPRENEUR IN A SUIT  
soaking in a SUDSY BATH. He holds a PAPERBACK NOVEL.

1 **ENTREPRENEUR**

Has THIS happened to you? You're  
enjoying a gripping novel in the  
bath when--

The entrepreneur fumbles the book; FREEZE FRAME, then slo-mo  
repeats of the book dropping into the bath.

2 **ENTREPRENEUR**

(slo-mo)

OHHH NOOOOOO!!!!

BACK TO NORMAL SPEED -- He holds up a RUBBERY PLASTIC BOOK.

3 **ENTREPRENEUR**

That's a problem of the past thanks  
to my Rub-A-Dub-Tub-Tomes!

THREE INVESTOR "WOLVES" watch from chairs.

4 **ENTREPRENEUR**

Now which one of you wolves is  
ready to take a bite out of this  
opportunity?

**INT. CHEN HOME - GARAGE - DAY**

MOLLY and OLLIE are on the edge of their seats watching  
WOLF'S DEN (our version of *Shark Tank*) on TV.

5 **OLLIE**

This is outstanding structured  
reality programming.

6 **MOLLY**

Scratch! You're missing *Wolf's Den*  
Wednesday!

Nearby, SCRATCH is going through the LUNCHBOX from ep 301.

7 **SCRATCH**

You kids go nuts. I'm a little TV'd  
out after that last curse.

He inspects the lunch box's LABEL, which reads "William's."

8     **SCRATCH** (CONT'D)  
 I'm still processing this time  
 capsule.  
 (musing)  
 Can you believe my name was  
*William*? William. William... Blech!  
 It's so *old fashioned*.

Scratch PUFFS OUT A MEDIEVAL RUFF and holds up a QUILL.

9     **MOLLY**  
 Or it's a timeless classic! I mean,  
 just looking at you makes me want  
 to *curtsy*!  
 (she *curtsies*)  
 But if you don't feel like a  
 William, *go with a* nickname!

10    **SCRATCH**  
 A nickname! Hmmm...

The *WOLF'S DEN* THEME MUSIC gets Molly's attention.

11    **OLLIE**  
 The wolves are about to decide!

Molly and Ollie hold hands and their breath.

**ON TV:** The three Wolves scrutinize the Entrepreneur.

12    **MIDDLE WOLF**  
 This is *one* investment we can *sink*  
*our teeth into*. We're in!

**BACK TO SCENE:** Ollie <SNIFFLES>, and Molly notices he has  
 tears in his eyes.

13    **MOLLY**  
 Awww, it's okay! I get emotional  
 seeing people turn their passions  
 into careers, too.

14    **OLLIE**  
 No, it's not that.

Ollie gets up and paces, wringing his hands.

15    **OLLIE** (CONT'D)  
 I didn't want to ruin *Wolf's Den*  
 Wednesday, but I have something big  
 to tell you. *There's no easy way to*  
*say this, but--*

The door *pops* open and RUBEN sticks his head in.

16   **RUBEN**  
Did you tell Molly we're moving yet?

17   **OLLIE / MOLLY**  
DAD! / WHAT?!

18   **RUBEN**  
...Oh jeez. Total uncool Dad move... Sorry.

19   **MOLLY**  
You're MOVING???

20   **OLLIE**  
Since we're no longer ghost hunters, we had to shut down our MeTube channel.

ESTHER and JUNE enter, carrying MOVING BOXES.

21   **ESTHER**  
Which means we need money.

22   **JUNE**  
Which means we're moving back to Florida.

23   **RUBEN**  
So we can work at my parents' rubber glove factory.

24   **ESTHER**  
They say factory manager is going to fit Ruben like a glove.

25   **RUBEN**  
But it won't! I have a latex allergy, Dad!

Esther cracks open a CASE OF RUBEN'S ROOT BEER and hands Molly, Ollie, and Scratch a bottle.

26   **ESTHER**  
We can't pack perishables, so drink up.

As Ruben, June, and Esther file out, Molly, Scratch, and Ollie sip their root beer sadly for a beat.

27   **MOLLY**  
But what about us...? We've only been officially dating for forty-nine and--

28 **OLLIE**

Three-quarter days. I know.

They all sip again. A BEAT, then...

29 **SCRATCH**

Ok, I know we're having a somber  
moment, but MAN this root beer! The  
bubbles dance on your tongue!  
(sticks out tongue)  
Thee! Danthing!

Molly's eyes light up.

30 **MOLLY**

Wait. What if we turned your Dad's  
root beer into a thriving  
business??

31 **OLLIE**

Then my family could stay in  
Brighton!

Scratch points to himself.

32 **SCRATCH**

Where there's a Will, there's a  
way!

(then)

I'm thinking of going by Will. How  
do we feel about that? Chill Will.  
It's a vibe, right?

33 **MOLLY**

Yooo Will!--

34 **SCRATCH**

Nope, I hate it! Never call me that  
again!

#### EXT. TOP OF A HILL - LATER

Molly and Ollie unveil a ROOT BEER CART with a "RUBEN'S ROOT  
BEER" SIGN as Scratch watches.

35 **MOLLY**

Like they say on *Wolf's Den*, the  
most important factor in a new  
business's success, is--

36 **OLLIE**

Location, location, and, um...  
(thinks) location!

37 **MOLLY**  
*Right! Here,* our elevation gives us  
 a bird's-eye view of our customer  
 base--

\*  
 \*

As she speaks, the cart rolls down the hill behind them. It catches Ollie's shirt and drags him down the hill.

38 **OLLIE**  
 (fading into distance)  
 MOLLYYYYYY!

Molly <YELPS!> then takes off after him.

**EXT. DAVENPORT'S DEPARTMENT STORE - LATER**

The root beer cart is on the sidewalk in front of the EMPTY DAVENPORT'S STOREFRONT with a big CLOSED SIGN. Scratch adjusts a NAME TAG THAT SAYS "BILL" on his chest.

39 **SCRATCH**  
*What about Bill?* Simple. Clean.  
 (then, to himself)  
 But maybe *too* simple... Where's the  
 whimsy?

\*  
 \*

40 **MOLLY**  
 Try Billy. Full of whimsy!

Molly draws a "Y" onto his ghostly name tag for him.

41 **MOLLY** (CONT'D)  
 Davenport's had the best spot on  
 Main Street. And since they're not  
 using it anymore, we might as well.

\*

Ollie taps her shoulder, nervous.

42 **OLLIE**  
 Uhhh, Molly?

REVEAL LEMONADE GIRL -- a furious middle schooler (REUSE from  
 ep 134) glaring at them from her nearby LEMONADE STAND.

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43 **LEMONADE GIRL**  
 The last person who tried to muscle  
 in on my turf was the pretzel boy.

44 **OLLIE**  
 I don't see a pretzel bo--

**REVEAL:** A BOY TWISTED INTO A PRETZEL beside a PRETZEL CART.  
 Molly, Ollie, and Scratch back away.

45 **MOLLY/OLLIE/SCRATCH**  
 Nice and slow. / Don't look her in  
 the eyes. / I'm invisible, and I'm  
*still* scared!

**EXT. BRIGHTON PARK - LATER**

The root beer cart is under a tree.

46 **MOLLY**  
 Main Street is overrated! The park  
 is the ideal place to enjoy a root  
 beer! Calm, safe, peaceful--

\*

A PACK OF RACCOONS attacks them!

47 **MOLLY/OLLIE/SCRATCH**  
 AHHH!!!

Scratch knocks Molly and Ollie aside, dragging the cart.

\*

48 **SCRATCH**  
 SAVE THE ROOT BEER!

They drag the cart away, pursued by raccoons. A bottle falls  
 off the cart, a raccoon drinks it and <ADORABLY BURPS>.

**EXT. CHEN HOME - GARAGE - LATER**

A disheveled Molly, Ollie, and Scratch stand beside the root  
 beer cart, which is now outside the Chens' garage.

49 **MOLLY**  
 THIS is the perfect location! No  
 hills, no competition, no raccoons!

50 **OLLIE**  
 And no customers...

\*

A lonely PLASTIC BAG blows down the deserted street.

\*

51 **MOLLY**  
 Okay, so maybe the location isn't  
 so great, but the secret weapon to  
 any business *is--*

\*

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\*

52 **SCRATCH**  
 Tacos!

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\*

53 **MOLLY**  
 No, Scratch. Marketing!

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\*



54     **SCRATCH**  
I feel like I was close.

55     **MOLLY**  
You weren't. But lucky for us, we  
know the Queen of Social Media!

**EXT. CHEN HOME - GARAGE - LATER**

ANDREA stands in front of the root beer cart.

56     **ANDREA**  
I'm SO glad you called.

She throws her arms around Molly in a dramatic hug.

57     **ANDREA (CONT'D)**  
Your friend is moving away? That  
must be DEVASTATING for you!

58     **MOLLY**  
Actually, he's my *boyfriend*, but  
thanks for coming! We could really  
use your help--

Andrea grabs Ollie and dramatically puts her face close to  
his. As she speaks, her EMOTION BUILDS.

59     **ANDREA**  
And you! It's heart-breaking to  
spend your entire life in Brighton--

60     **OLLIE**  
My family moved here this year--

61     **ANDREA**  
--Only to have to leave the only  
true friends you've ever had--

Andrea looks away, monologuing into the distance. Molly and  
Ollie look at each other -- *What's she talking about?*

62     **ANDREA (CONT'D)**  
--And you can't even bring your  
pony because the new place doesn't  
have "adequate barn space!"

63     **OLLIE**  
I don't have a pony but... thank  
you?

Andrea *wells with TEARS* as she squeezes Molly and Ollie into  
an awkward hug...

64 **ANDREA**

But you can count on Andrea!

...Then shakes it off, putting on her game face. \*

65 **ANDREA** (CONT'D) \*

I'll do whatever I can to stop this  
tragedy! \*

She pulls out her phone and turns on the charm. UPBEAT MUSIC  
kicks in as she films herself.

66 **ANDREA** (CONT'D)

Hey Fawn-dreas! Get your cutie  
booties over to Ruben's Root Beer  
Cart ASAP! \*

She pops the cap off a bottle, takes a sip, and does a wink. \*

67 **ANDREA** (CONT'D)

Ahhh! Tastes like summer in your  
childhood home! Which, if you don't  
hurry, someone very important could  
lose.

68 **OLLIE**

To be clear, we only moved here a  
few months ago...

69 **ANDREA**

(ignoring him)

Get here quick and use promo code  
"Fawn-drea" to get 10% off!

Scratch floats over, rubbing his chin thoughtfully.

70 **SCRATCH**

I love how Andrea's turned her name  
into an iconic brand. Think I could  
be Willie the Kid?

71 **MOLLY**

If anyone can pull it off, it's  
you.

NASHUA arrives at the root beer cart. \*

72 **NASHUA**

I'll have one root beer, please!

73 **OLLIE**

Wow, that was fast!

Ollie hands Nashua a root beer as we go to--

**SONGBURST: EVERYBODY IS ROOT-ROOT-ROOTING FOR YOU.** An UPBEAT SONG over a "YOU WILL BE FOUND" (from Dear Evan Hanson)-esque sequence about the root beer cart going viral:

-- Nashua dons a BIB and taste tests the root beer with a TASTING SPOON. He smacks his lips and posts a 5-star review on the BRIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BUGLE WEBSITE!

-- O'CONNOR takes one sip of root beer. His eyes go wide, and he grabs five more bottles! He posts, "TWO TONGUES UP!" on his blog, THE SODA SOMMELIER.

-- QUICK CUTS of VARIOUS BRIGHTONIANS (including MAYOR BRUNSON, MS. ROOP, PAM, SHEELA, KAT, PATTY, and BOBBY DANIELS) lining up around the block.

-- Scratch says he's "Wills" from here on out! He appears in a SWEATER VEST, combs his cutie bit into a comb-over, and uses a British accent.

-- Molly and Ollie pull in Ruben to brew more root beer -- he's shocked, then thrilled at the long line! \*

-- Ruben brews as fast as he can, his hands a BLUR, while Pete, MOM, *Esther*, and *June* put caps and labels on bottles like a factory line. \*  
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\*

-- Scratch has found the name for him: Liam! He appears in a LEATHER JACKET and SUNGLASSES -- a bad boy!

-- DARRYL sells bottles of root beer out of a trench coat at inflated prices.

-- *LIBBY* and her *TURTLES* go door-to-door handing out *FLYERS*. \*

-- In the *SUPERMARKET*, *Andrea* moves the *YIM-YUMS CARDBOARD CUTOUT* out of the way to make room for a *CARDBOARD CUTOUT* of herself drinking root beer. \*  
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-- A LARGE JAR fills up with money! \*

-- Scratch tries out versions of William in different languages: Guillermo! Guy! Vilyam? **END SONGBURST.**

#### **EXT. CHEN HOME - GARAGE - DAY**

Molly lifts the JAR FULL OF CASH above her head, triumphant.

74 **MOLLY**

We DID it! We proved you can make money with your passion! \*

75 **OLLIE**

And the best part is, this means we  
can stay in Brighton!

Ruben looks confused but before he can speak -- **SCREECH!** A  
MOVING VAN pulls up.

76 **SCRATCH**

Hey! Someone else is moving. What  
are the odds?

77 **MOLLY**

You must've forgotten to cancel it!  
(shouts)  
Sorry, movers! Your services are no  
longer needed! Go tear some other  
kids away from their home!

78 **RUBEN**

Is... that what this was about? Oh  
no... A root beer cart is a great  
side hustle... but we've got a  
mortgage, car payments, that Salami  
of the Month Club I can't figure  
out how to cancel...

Molly is flustered.

79 **MOLLY**

We can sell more! How much do you  
need? I'll break my piggy bank!

She DASHES O.S., then RE-APPEARS with her PIGGYBANK.

80 **MOLLY** (CONT'D)

Sorry, Penny Porker.

She SMASHES it violently on the cart.

81 **MOLLY** (CONT'D)

I've got seventeen dollars, fifty-  
three cents, and two baby teeth!  
With interest, the Tooth Fairy  
probably owes me a lot for those!

Ruben <SIGHS> and shakes his head.

82 **RUBEN**

We'd need a storefront, better  
equipment, bulk ingredients... and  
we can't afford all that. I'm  
sorry, kids.

Molly and Ollie hold each other close.

83 **MOLLY**  
So you're really leaving?!

Andrea pops up between Molly and Ollie, tearing them apart. \*

84 **ANDREA** \*  
He's not the only one! \*  
(dramatic)  
I'm piggybacking on this dramatic  
moment to announce: I'm also moving  
away from Brighton! \*

85 **MOLLY** \*  
WHAT?!

86 **ANDREA** \*  
All that nice stuff I said about  
making a home for yourself here,  
only to have to leave... was about  
me! I was talking about *my* pony!

87 **OLLIE/SCRATCH**  
That makes more sense./Should've  
seen it earlier, honestly.

88 **MOLLY**  
(to Andrea)  
But why?? Is this because  
Davenport's shut down? \*

89 **ANDREA** \*  
Actually, we claimed it as a loss  
on our taxes and ended up *making*  
money! That's how being rich works!

90 **OLLIE** \*  
That sounds... wrong. \*

91 **ANDREA** \*  
Yeah, poor people think that. \*  
Anyway, the store was the only \*  
thing keeping my family from moving \*  
to our third home on Lake Geneva. \*  
(sigh) \*  
It's my fifth favorite home. \*

Molly hardens as she looks between Ollie, Andrea, and Ruben.

92 **MOLLY**  
No. I am NOT losing TWO friends in  
one day! There has to be a way to  
keep everyone I love in Brighton!  
Think, Molly, think! \*

93 **SCRATCH**

Come on, Molly. This is when you  
shine. You can find a way...

She thinks super hard -- a vein pops on her forehead. Then,  
an idea dawns on her. She smiles a Grinch-y grin.

94 **MOLLY**

That's IT!

(dramatic)

Ollie go find your *best* clip-on tie  
because we're about to enter... *the*  
*Wolf's Den!* <WOLF HOWL>

**INT. DAVENPORT'S DEPARTMENT STORE - OFFICE - DAY**

**HOMEMADE TITLE CARD:** *Wolf's Den: Brighton Edition.*

Molly, Ollie, and Ruben are mid-presentation, *Wolf's Den*  
style -- Mr. Davenport and Andrea acting as the Wolves. Ruben  
spins a root beer bottle like a bartender and pours a PINT  
behind his back, which he hands to Mr. Davenport.

95 **RUBEN**

Ever want to relax with an ice cold  
root-based beverage?

96 **OLLIE**

*If only* there was a family-friendly  
watering hole where Brightonians of  
all stripes could hang out!

Molly whips out a CRUDELY DRAWN PICTURE OF A ROOT BEER PUB,  
with arrows labeling the "customers," "root beer," and  
"hedgehog playpen."

97 **MOLLY**

Introducing Ruben's Root Beer Pub!  
It's got delicious root beer!  
Satisfied customers! A hedgehog  
playpen!

98 **RUBEN**

What was that last one?

99 **MOLLY**

(quickly)

I threw it in there, we can discuss  
it later.

(then, to Mr. Davenport)

Ruben's Root Beer is more than a  
*naturally* carbonated beverage. It's  
a way to bring this town together!

Mr. Davenport takes a sip of root beer and leans forward, a  
twinkle in his eye. \*

100 **MR. DAVENPORT** \*  
Now THAT'S a tasty root... \*

Molly and Ollie hold hands and their breath, hopeful.

101 **MR. DAVENPORT** (CONT'D)  
But I *hate* the food and beverage  
sector! The margins are too thin!  
I'm out!

Molly, Ollie, and Ruben are crestfallen.

102 **MOLLY**  
Our dreams, crushed in the jaws of  
a wolf...

SAD VIOLIN MUSIC PLAYS, and Molly shoots Scratch, who is  
playing a GHOST VIOLIN, a look.

103 **SCRATCH**  
What? Wilhelm is a musician!  
(then)  
I'm going by Wilhelm now.

A 3rd chair spins, *The Voice*-style, to REVEAL MRS. DAVENPORT!

104 **MRS. DAVENPORT**  
Well, I'm *IN*.

105 **SCRATCH**  
I had NO idea she was sitting  
there!

Scratch cues DRAMATIC MUSIC and LIGHTING that matches the  
*Wolf's Den* "deal" from the opening as she continues.

106 **MRS. DAVENPORT**  
The only thing I love more than a  
challenge is this root beer! Both  
our families' futures are here in  
Brighton, so let's talk terms. \*

Molly, Ollie, and Ruben light up.

#### **EXT. RUBEN'S ROOT BEER PUB - DAY**

It's opening day! Ruben's Root Beer Pub is in the old  
Davenport's storefront. Mrs. Davenport cuts the RIBBON.

107 **RUBEN**

Ruben's Root Beer Pub is officially  
open for business!

\*

Ruben pops a fizzy root beer bottle like champagne.

108 **MRS. DAVENPORT**

To a ROOTful business partnership!

She and Ruben clink bottles. Molly hugs Ollie and Andrea.

109 **MOLLY**

I'm so happy the two of you aren't  
leaving. It all worked out. Apart  
from the hedgehog playpen. Not  
giving up on that yet.

\*

\*

Scratch floats over holding the LUNCHBOX.

\*

110 **SCRATCH**

You know what? I've come around on  
*William*. I'm owning it! This  
lunchbox belongs to me, William!

He waves the lunchbox, and the APOSTROPHE falls off,  
transforming "William's" to "Williams."

111 **SCRATCH** (CONT'D)

What the--

Scratch tastes the "apostrophe."

112 **SCRATCH** (CONT'D)

This isn't an apostrophe-- it's  
dried peanut butter! This says  
Williams! With an S!

113 **MOLLY**

It's a last name! Scratch Williams!  
Has a nice ring to it!

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114 **SCRATCH**

Honestly: *PHEW*! I was trying to  
sell myself on that first name, but  
my heart wasn't in it. Back to  
Scratch! False alarm everyone!

**THE END.**